

## Fire



**Gregory Grayson**  
Fire Chief

### *Education*

MPA, Western Carolina University

BS in Education, North Carolina State University

AS in Fire Protection Technology, Durham Technical Community College

Public Executive Leadership Academy, UNC-Chapel Hill

Senior Executive Institute, University of Virginia

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### *Career Highlights*

City of Greensboro

- Fire Chief, Fire Department, 2009 -present

City of Asheville

- Fire and Rescue Chief, 2000-2009

City of Burlington

- Fire Chief, 1998-2000

Wake County

- Fire/Rescue Director, 1995-1998
- County Fire Marshal, 1994-1995
- Deputy Fire Marshal, 1990-1994

Town of Cary

- Lieutenant-Fire Risk Inspector, 1988-1990

North Carolina State University

- Life Safety Inspector, 1984-1988

Polkville Fire Department

- Firefighter, 1982-1984

### *Significant Accomplishments*

- Opened a new fire station for City of Greensboro, implemented a ladder company, replaced four apparatus, and increased staff by 29 firefighters.
- Opened two new fire stations for City of Asheville; implemented a rescue company, two engine companies and three ladder companies; replaced 18 apparatus; and increased staff by 40 firefighters.
- Established a standard of cover and strategic plan for City of Asheville and earned accredited agency status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.
- Implemented a reserve firefighter program for the City of Burlington.
- Managed the initial transition of a service delivery system for Wake County into a county-wide fire and rescue service district.

### *Professional Organizations and Memberships*

- International Association of Fire Chiefs—Metropolitan Fire Chiefs
- Greensboro American Red Cross—Executive Board of Directors
- Guilford Merchants Association Board Member
- Greensboro 100 Club Board Member
- President, Buncombe County Fire Chief's Association 2008-09

### *Awards and Recognition*

- Recognized as Asheville/Buncombe Excellence in Public Service Executive Manager of the Year in 2008 among all municipal, county, state and federal government agencies.
- Awarded NC Advanced Firefighter Certificate by NC State Firemen's Association; first recipient of the state-wide recognition.
- Received national recognition for superior emergency response to the crash of American Eagle flight 3379 in Wake County.
- Served under 11 presidential emergency declarations.
- Subject of Mayor's resolution for excellent service to the City of Asheville.
- Received distinguished service award for performance during Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.

